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BRYAN'S BIRTHDAY IS COMMEMORATED



A TRIBUTE TO BRYAN

The day MARCH 19 brings perennial cause for reminiscence on the part of the entire Bryan family. This is a day on which we commemorate the birth of the Great Commoner—William Jennings Bryan. A banquet in his honor has become one of the social highlights of the school year.

The name William Jennings Bryan is frequently associated—in the Christian world, at least—with the Scopes evolution trial, a trial in which the silver-tongued orator nobly defended the cause of Christ. A history book commonly used in American colleges and universities has dubbed the trial as "Fundamentalism's last stand." Other writers of a liberal bent have expressed similar views on the value of Bryan's great defense of the faith.

However, the William Jennings Bryan University stands today as a living memorial to one who gave his life for the faith; it remembers the good that he did and for which he lived. It is a school dedicated to the same principles for which he fought—salvation by faith and acceptance of the scriptural account of creation by Divine fiat.

In answer to the statement quoted above—that the trial was fundamentalism's last stand—the University takes its place today (along with other Christian institutions of higher learning) as a testimony that fundamental Christianity is not dead, that the death of the Great Commoner was not the dying gasp of vital Christian faith.—H. V.

University Presented Photograph of Bryan

Recently an official presentation was made to the University of the unusually fine photograph of William Jennings Bryan seen on this page. The photograph was presented to the University by Mr. F. R. Rogers, local druggist, in whose home the Great Commoner was staying during the Scopes trial and from whose home Mr. Bryan went to be with the Lord.

This gift is greatly appreciated and as a valued memorial to Mr. Bryan will serve the University for many years to come.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE HELD

The third annual missionary conference was held the weekend of February 17-19, in the Memorial Chapel. Speakers for the conference were Ruth Dawson, Rev. W. H. Taylor, and Rev. Harold B. Street. Miss Dawson is a graduate of Bryan and for the past several years has been affiliated with the Cleveland Hebrew Mission.

Rev. Taylor, a former missionary to Central America, is now studying at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Rev. Street is a former missionary to Ethiopia and was in that country when it was invaded by Italy. Now deputation director for the Sudan Interior Mission, Rev. Street showed motion pictures of the mission work in Nigeria, demonstrating the need for those who can preach the gospel, but also for those equipped to care for the physical needs of the people.

The Saturday afternoon meeting featured an open forum on missions and the Sunday afternoon was devoted to the personal testimonies of the missionaries participating in the conference.

The conference was sponsored by the student Foreign Missions Fellowship whose president is Richard D. Tevebaugh, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Top Slab Finished



Viewed here are a few of the corps of students and others hard at the task of pouring the final section of the floor for the third story of the administration building. Beyond the end of the slab can be seen the Octagon Dormitory, for men, and in the trees to the left the barn and new milk house. The slab is 180 feet long.

EDWIN B. COCKRILL

Winona Lake, Ind.

Despite his service with Uncle Sam, Eddie expects his B.A., Bible major, in June. His special interests while he earned it? His family, child evangelism, jail meetings, and a pastorate, all of which lead toward his purpose in life, to work with young children for the Lord.



I praise the Lord for the way He has shown forth His all-sufficient grace upon me and my family while here at Bryan University.

ROBERT WAYNE SNIDER

Roaring Spring, Pa.

His interest in history is leading Wayne to his B.A. with a major in that field, but it has not slackened his interest in the Science Club, in sports, and in a consistent service to the Lord in street meetings. From here, it seems to be Grace Theological Seminary, more graduate work, and then, as He leads, the ministry.



While at Bryan the education which I received came not only from books, but also from practical Christian work, manual labor on the building, and fellowship with other Christians. I am thankful He led me to Bryan, for He has become real to me through these things.

VIRGINIA SMILEY

Englewood, Colo.

An active member of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, Child Evangelism worker, choir member, and a member of the annual staff, Virginia will soon have her B.A. with a major in English. Following this she looks to further training at Columbia Bible College and then on to the foreign mission field.



At Bryan I have found Christ to be the Lord of my life. My prayer is that I might be a witness of His matchless love to those who have never heard.

JANET NORCZYK

Ontonagon, Mich.

"Probably," says Janet. "I shall teach school when I complete my college work." The B.A. in English should be of service in that field, and her work with the Lay Ambassadors Fellowship should prove of value as she lives a testimony to her Lord before the young people she will lead in their search for education.



Bryan is the place of many blessings and memories. I am thankful that the Lord led me here and that He has supplied my every need. May my life count for Him!

THE SENIORS

Again we present a part of the senior class of this year, with testimonies from each. We appreciate these young people and have faith in their desire to be used of the Lord in the vocation of His choice.

JOHN R. SPRINGER

Altoona, Pa.

Dick's labors are rapidly shaping up into the B.A. degree, with major in history, that he has been striving for during his stay on Bryan Hill. The interruption of army service during the war has not dissuaded him from his goal, which, the Lord willing, will ultimately find him and his family serving the Lord in the Philippines.



The Lord's working here at Bryan has never ceased to be a source of wonderment to me. He has been more precious with each passing year.

DOROTHY FRANCE

Greenback, Tenn.

Her B.A. in French, her four years in the kitchen, her fellowship in the Lay Ambassadors, and her desire to teach promise much for Dottie, who looks forward to the teaching ministry, then Paris for further training in the language of her choice.



My life is my testimony. Whether good or bad, nothing I can say would change one's opinion, but my desire is that I might be like the one spoken of in Matthew 5:16.

JACQUELINE JONES

Dayton, Ohio

Jackie will soon have her B.A., including a major in English. Add to this her interest in Child Evangelism, music, and archery, and you have some of what the Lord can use in the labor of love for Him which lies ahead beyond graduation—and marriage.



"That I may know Him" is the prayer of my heart. Thanks be unto God for this unspeakable gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, and for the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit. Phil. 3:10.

Copies of the complete edition of Mr. Bryan's last message, "Fighting to Death for the Bible", are still available.

FINAL SLAB POURED

During the recent few days of favorable weather, construction was resumed on the Bryan University Memorial Building as 24 students and local workers poured 6,400 square feet of concrete to complete the third floor slab. The slab consists of over 10,000 square feet of floor space.

Cement block curtain walls began to go up on February 14, and windows are now being set, preparatory to enclosing the new section.

GLEN SCHWENK

La Porte, Ind.

With an eye single to a service to the Lord, Glen has worked towards his B.A. in history. He has continued active in a real ministry to the Lord as a student, with emphasis on personal work. All of this looks towards further study, at Grace Theological Seminary. What follows is in His hands.



The Lord Jesus Christ is fullness of joy and contentment, and words cannot express the joy there is in being a bond slave of Christ.

LINN F. LOSHBOUGH

Dodge City, Kan.

The Western Baptist Theological Seminary is calling to Linn, another G. I., as a place of further preparation for a ministry in the states. His B.A. in Bible and his activity as a pastor and as a member of the Pastors Fellowship will add much to his preparation for continued service to the Lord.



I thank the Lord for the opportunity of attending Bryan and for His manifested power and faithfulness to me during these college years.

LESTER D. FARRINGTON

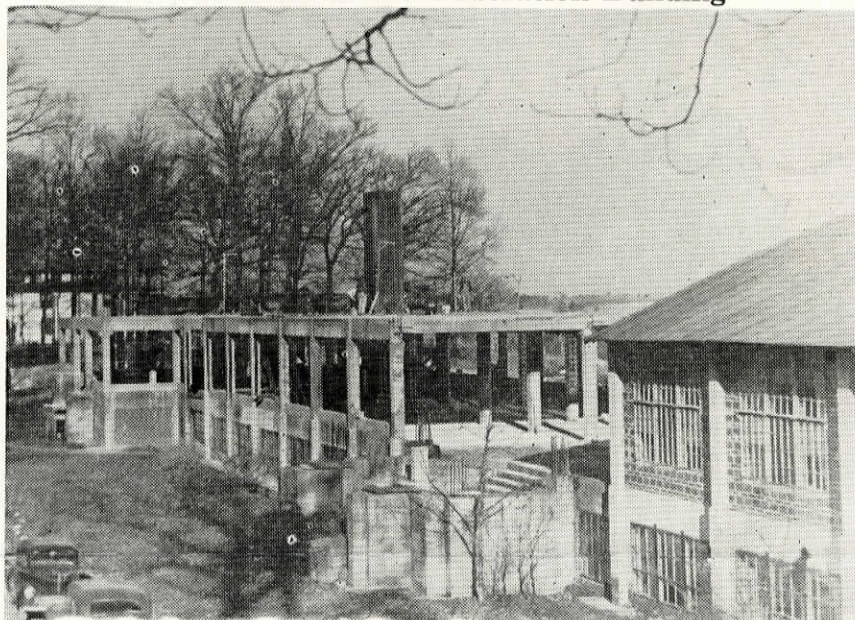
Valparaiso, Indiana

Being the pastor of a mountain church and taking an active part in the Pastor's Fellowship and other student activities have helped, rather than hindered Lester in his work towards the B.A. in English. He anticipates a year of work, seminary, and then a pastorate.



In leading me to Bryan the Lord led me into the four most blessed years of life I have yet experienced. He has proved to me that "My strength is sufficient for thee."

North End of Administration Building



That headway is being made on the construction of the second story of the north end of the Administration Building is shown in this picture, taken while the workers were preparing for the final slab to be poured. At the present time the windows are being placed across the front, and outer walls raised.

FOUR WHO SAILED

Ed



Jane



Eileen



Eddie



Joining the numerous Bryanites already in the field at home and abroad, those whose faces appear here have sailed for foreign ports within the past two months. Ed and Jane Lieb are in Brazil under the Brazil Gospel Fellowship, and Eddie and Eileen Miller are in the same country under the supervision of the Foreign Mission of the Brethren Church.

LEE LEADS DEAN'S LIST

Heading the Dean's list for the first half of the second quarter was Ernest Lee, of New Vienna, O., with an average of 2.56. He was closely followed by Paul Wyland, Altoona, Pa.; Ian Hay, Dayton, Tenn.; Donald Oakley, Mishawaka, Ind.; and Howard Addleman, Curwensville, Pa.; all of whom had an average of 2.5 or better.

Others on the Honor List included the following:

Janice Brown.....	Randolph, N. Y.
Jacqueline Oakley.....	Portsmouth, O.
Charles Taber.....	Allentown, Pa.
Richard McIntosh.....	Norwak, O.
Dorothy France.....	Greenback, Tenn.
Lester Farrington.....	Dayton, Tenn.
Janet Norczyk.....	Ontonagon, Mich.
Robert Murphey.....	Willoughby, O.
Ardelle Costley.....	Davis, W. Va.
Wayne Snider.....	Roaring Spring, Pa.
Leonard Mezner.....	Cleveland, O.
Harold Goehring.....	Evans City, Pa.
Carl Wonderly.....	Mountain Lake Park, Md.
Joseph Cox.....	Trenton, N. J.



From my heart to you

It was ninety years ago, the 19th of March, that a baby boy, called William Jennings, came into the home of two Godly Christian parents, Judge Silas Lillard and Mary Elizabeth Bryan. America today needs such homes and children from such homes. It also needs schools where the simple Christian virtues of such homes are strengthened, rather than weakened, in the lives of the children and young people.

Years later, William Jennings Bryan said in his memoirs: "It is a consciousness of the helplessness of the new-born babe and of his dependence upon an unknown past and upon surroundings that he cannot comprehend that makes me increasingly grateful for the parentage with which the Heavenly Father blessed me and for the home in which my life began."

A devout father who prayed three times a day, a mother of lofty Christian ideals, and a family altar made a lasting impression on Mr. Bryan, which was never erased when he reached the heights of international fame. Sixty-five years of life and contact with the great of this world did not destroy his simple child-like faith in Christ and the Bible.

At Bryan University we stress sincerity, unaffectedness, and realism in all that we do and say. But this is more than emulating Mr. Bryan or Christ Himself; it is rather, the living forth of the Christ Who dwells within every Christian.

Sincerely yours.

Judson A. Rudd

President

CONCERT PLEASURES

Jean Clish, pianist, Joan Sydlowski, violinist, and Margaret Ann Heath, marimbist, appeared as a trio March 2 at the Memorial Chapel.

Misses Clish and Sydlowski secured most of their training at the Chicago Musical College. The former as a student of Rudolph Gans and the latter as a student of Dr. Paul Stassevich. Miss Sydlowski has been on such programs as the Jenny Lind Singers and the Tripoli Chanters. She has also played with the Chicago Civic Orchestra.

Margaret Ann Heath is a product of the American Conservatory of Chicago where she studied with James N. Dutton.

Members of the trio also presented solos in a delightful program which included classical and semiclassical numbers. The program was furnished through the Harry B. Kline Agency of Dallas, Tex.

FINANCIAL NOTES

Although our total gift income for the first nine months of the fiscal year is \$2,591.78 ahead of the same time last year, we are still \$3,000.00 behind our increased budget goal for operation, and even more behind our goal for the Plant Fund.

With the coming of spring, there will be greatly increased expenses for operation and building construction. Let us unite in urgent prayer and generous giving that the work be not hindered. Ezra 6:8.

FEBRUARY REPORT

Undesignated:

M S M	\$ 255.50
Other	488.01

Designated:

M S M for Building.....	462.92
Rhea County for Steel..	300.00
Other Plant Fund.....	448.00

Total Gifts for February.....\$ 1,954.43

GRAND TOTAL

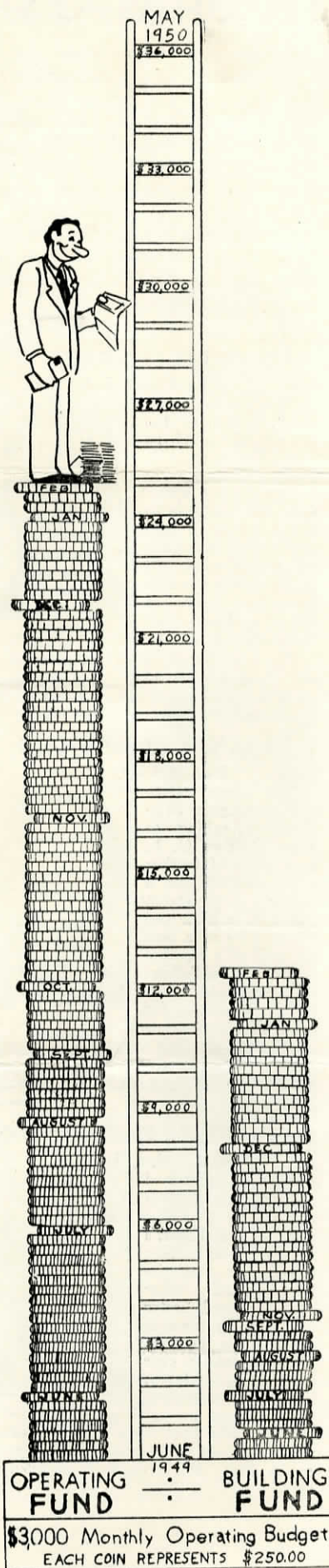
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